

# SURVIVING IN THE DESERT



Plants and animals at Red Rock Canyon have adapted to survive in the hot and dry weather of the desert. Match each plant or animal with its adaptation.

WRITE THE NUMBER(S) OF THE ADAPTATION for that plant or animal in the blank next to it. There may be more than one right answer. Hint: Ask for handouts on plants or mammals.



**KIT FOX**



**MESQUITE**



**DESERT TORTOISE**



**LIZARD**



**KANGAROO RAT**



**JACKRABBIT**



**OWL**



**ROADRUNNER**



**CHOLLA CACTUS**



**BIGHORN SHEEP**

- ① Its body is adapted to get all of its water from seeds.
- ② Spines create shade.
- ③ Burrows underground.
- ④ Comes out at night in summer.
- ⑤ Big ears catch cool breezes and has reflective body hair.
- ⑥ Eats insects and small animals.
- ⑦ Pants to keep cool.
- ⑧ Has scaled skin resistant to drying.
- ⑨ Tap root may go down 100 feet to get to water.
- ⑩ Internal organs insulated by fat layer.